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SUBJECT: US POLICY TOWARD AZORES

1. AT REQUEST PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR, DEPTOFFS (EUR) MET ON MARCH 24 WITH AZOREAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MONJARDINO. DURING CONVERSATION DEPTOFFS BROUGHT UP US ATTITUDE TOWARD FLA, SAYING THAT FLA FREQUENTLY GIVES IMPRESSION THAT IT ENJOYS THE SPECIAL SYMPATHIES OF THE USG. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. WHILE WE BEAR THOSE WITH SEPARATIST TENDENCIES NO ANIMOSITY, WE TOLD MONJARDINO THAT WE HAVE NO RELATIONS WITH OR SPECIAL INTERESTS OF ANY KIND IN THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THE AZORES ARE PART OF PORTUGAL IN THE SAME WAY MADEIRA IS.

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2. MONJARDINO WELCOMED THESE ASSURANCES AND, AT HIS REQUEST, WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO USE THEM PUBLICLY. HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT BELIEVE CLAIMS BY FLA LEADER JOSE ALMEIDA THAT SEPARATISTS ARE SUPPORTED BY USG. HE ADDED THAT HE COULD, HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND HOW SOME PORTUGUESE COULD BE SUSPICIOUS OF PRESENT USG INTENTIONS SINCE PRIVATE US CITIZENS ACTIVELY HELPED THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT

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